

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SPRING VALLEY, MN  
February 19, 2017

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

It is a good and blessed thing to gather in this place. We gather to hear, to learn, to be inspired to follow Jesus Christ.

**We are strengthened by the presence of each hopeful person here. We prepare ourselves to receive Jesus as the foundation of our faith.**

In the love and presence of the family of Christ, let us open our hearts to receive.

**In the love and presence of Jesus, let us find him in each other today.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* UMH #92 (vss 1-4)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of all that was and is and will be always, plant in us today the seeds of new growth. Growth in love. Growth in forgiveness. Growth in understanding. Growth in acceptance. Tend and feed us in your word, in our hearts and in our decisions. Make us your presence in a world that is divided and unsure of its future. Show us those who need you most and then make us your servants in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS, CONCERNS, GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"* UMH #402

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 3:16-23

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:38-48

MESSAGE

RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY *"Give Thanks"* TFWS #2036

OFFERING PRAYER

**God of constant care, in these gifts we reach out to a big, broad world full of need. You know what we do not know. You see what we do not see. You give where we cannot give.**

**Take what we are humbly giving and work your wonders far and wide. Build love in the farthest places. Shape lives in the poorest corners of the earth. Use us, Lord, use us every day to spread our generosity to the most unexpected places. Amen.**

HYMN *"Hymn of Promise"* UMH #707

\*BENEDICTION

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Fountain UMC on Wednesday, March 1.

## **LENT**

Lent begins on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. A parish service will be held at the Fountain United Methodist Church starting at 7:00 p.m. Each Wednesday, March 8-April 5, you are invited for a light supper beginning at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. at Faith UMC.

Our theme this year is "Encounters on the Road to the Cross" based upon a book by Robert Martin Walker. Lent is a time for encountering Jesus. During the 40 days of Lent, we follow Jesus from his temptation in the Galilean wilderness to the cross on Calvary. This year we will view Jesus through the eyes of some of the men and women who encountered him on the road to the cross, a different person each week. As we stand in these characters' shoes may we come to know Jesus better and understand what it means to encounter him in our own lives and time.



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